



# ZoneControl MKII

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## WARNING



### CAUTION!

**Keep this system away from rain and moisture!**



**FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY  
BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!**

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this system has to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual



**CAUTION! Be careful with your operations.  
With a dangerous voltage you can suffer  
a dangerous electric shock when touching the wires!**



Before you initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the system.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the system are not subject to warranty.

This system contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

### **IMPORTANT:**

*The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the system.*

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Never leave any cables lying around.
- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not connect this system to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the system on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the system's life.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Do not drive the inputs with a signal level bigger, than required to drive the equipment to full output.
- Do not plug Mics into the console (or stagebox) while Phantom Power is on. Also mute the monitor / Pa system when turning Phantom Power on or off. Allow the system to adjust for a couple of seconds, before setting the input gains.
- Only use system indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when system is not used. Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Always operate the unit with the AC ground wire connected to the electrical system ground.

- Make sure you don't use the wrong kind of cables or defective cables.
- Make sure that the signals into the mixer are balanced, otherwise hum could be created.
- Make sure you use DI boxes to balance unbalanced signals; All incoming signals should be clear.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the system and the power-cord from time to time.
- In system setup, the amplifier's output power must be 50%-100% more than the loaded loudspeakers rated power.
- Please turn off the power switch, when changing the power cord or signal cable, or select the input mode switch.
- Extreme frequency boosts in connection with a high input signal level may lead to overdriving your equipment. Should this occur, it is necessary to reduce the input signal level by using the INPUT control.
- To emphasize a frequency range, you don't necessarily have to move its respective sliding control upward; try lowering surrounding frequency ranges instead. This way, you avoid causing the next piece of equipment in your sound path to overdrive. You also preserve valuable dynamic reserve ("headroom")
- Avoid ground loops! Always be sure to connect the power amps and the mixing console to the same electrical circuit to ensure the same phase!
- If system is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the system has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your system. Leave the system switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- If your Dap Audio device fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Dap Audio dealer for service.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- WARRANTY: Till one year after date of purchase.

## OPERATING DETERMINATIONS

If this system is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.

Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

*Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !*

# Description of the device

## Features

The ZoneControl MKII is a Multi Zone mixer from Dap Audio.

- 5 channels, including one special microphone-channel with 3-way Eq and balanced input
- 3 separate zones with separate outputs
- Every channel assignable to one of these zones
- Up to 9 audio-sources mixable
- LED indicators for clear visual level readout
- 3-way tonecontrol on every single zone
- PFL (PreFadeListening) on every channel AND on every zone
- Exclusive design
- Separate master groups, each for a different location

## Overview

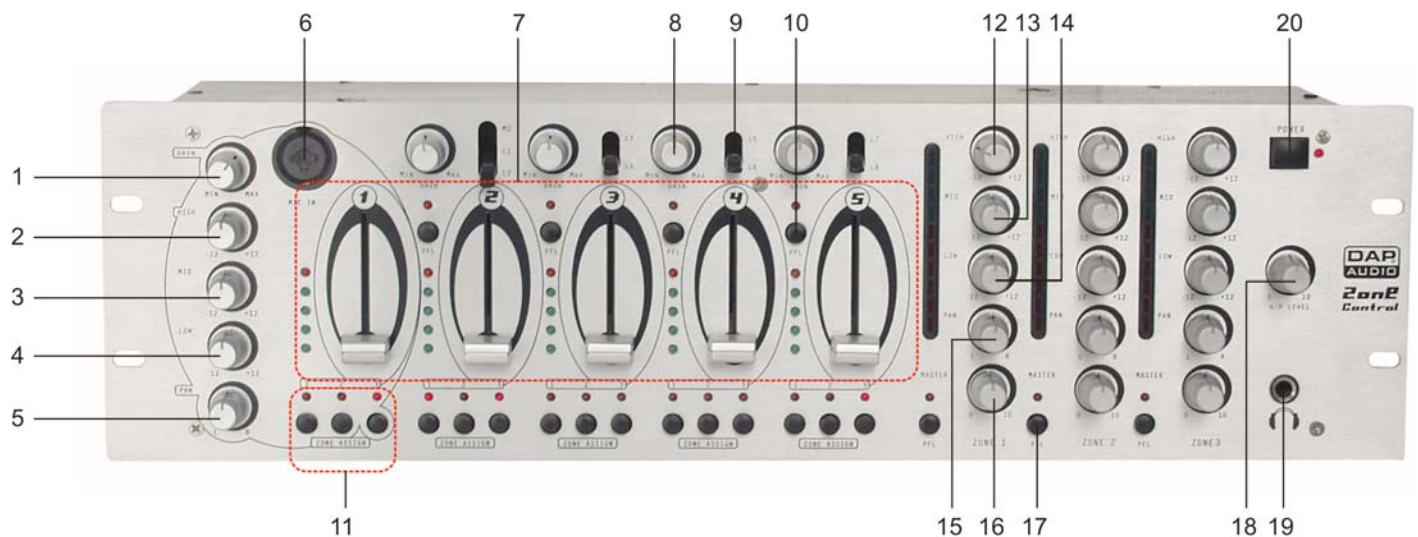


**Fig. 1**

- 1) Gain, range min / max
- 2) High, range -12 / +12 dB
- 3) Mid, range -12 / +12 dB
- 4) Low, range -12 / +12 dB
- 5) Pan, range L / R
- 6) Mic Input (balanced)
- 7) Stereo Channel 1-5 Fader
- 8) Gain Channel 1-5, range min / max
- 9) Selection Switch (M2/L1/L2, L3/L4, L5/L6 or L7/L8)
- 10) PFL
- 11) Zone Assign (Zone 1, 2 and 3)
- 12) High, range -12 / +12 dB (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 13) Mid, range -12 / +12 dB (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 14) Low, range -12 / +12 dB (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 15) Pan, range L / R (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 16) Master, range 0 / 10 (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 17) PFL (Zone 1, 2 or 3)
- 18) Headphone Level, range 0 / 10
- 19) Phone
- 20) Power On / Off

## Backside



**Fig. 2**

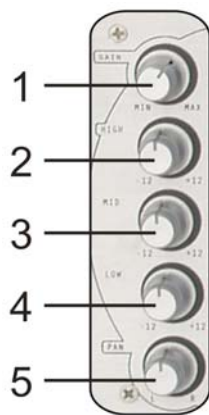
- 21) Balanced XLR Output for Zone 1, 2 or 3 (L / R)
- 22) Unbalanced L/R and Rec Out L/R for Zone 1, 2 or 3
- 23) Light to Sound for Zone 1, 2 or 3
- 24) For CH5; L8 (L/R) and L7 (L/R)
- 25) For CH4; L6 (L/R) and L5 (L/R)
- 26) For CH3; L4 (L/R) and L3 (L/R)
- 27) For CH2; L2 (L/R) and L1 (L/R)
- 28) Balanced 1/4" jack for Mic 2
- 29) Ground

## Installation

Remove all packing materials from the ZoneControl MKII. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Connect all cables.

**Always disconnect from electric mains power supply before cleaning or servicing.**

**Damages caused by non-observance are not subject to warranty.**



### 1. GAIN

Mic Channel input level is determined by the Gain control.

With the Gain control you can adjust the MIC input-sensitivity, while optimally matching the incoming signals to the mixer's internal operation level. When dealing with very low input levels (example vocal recordings or distant sound sources) the high gain is extremely profitable.

#### How to set the Input level:

- 1) Set the gain control and the corresponding channel fader to their minimum setting.
- 2) Connect the desired sound source (CD player, microphone, ect) to the corresponding MIC input.
- 3) Play the sound source at its highest volume setting; respectively, sing or speak as loud as possible directly into the microphone.
- 4) While doing so, adjust the input level using the gain control, so that during the loudest passages the PEAK LED is just not lit, but the SIGNAL-LED lights constantly.

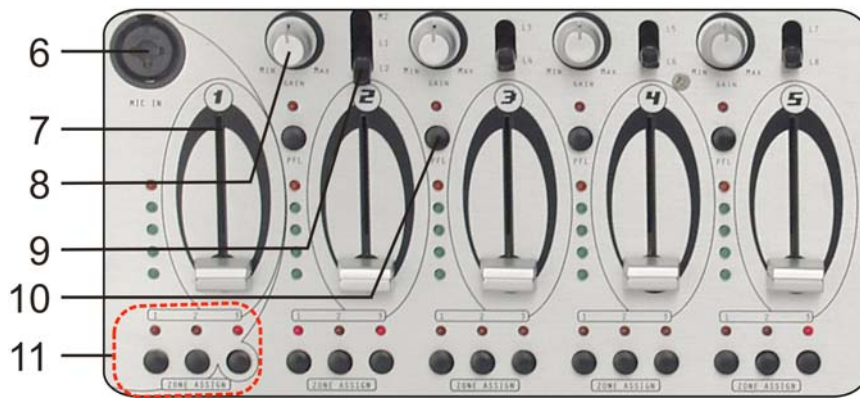
This basic channel setting leaves you at least 8dB headroom. This means, you have at least 8dB before signal clipping. If you want to make further adjustments to the channel's EQ setting, you should repeat step 3 and 4 again.

### 2 / 3 / 4. EQ HIGH / MID / LOW

The mixer's Equalizer section allows shaping of the incoming audio signal. All mono input channels are fitted with 3-band EQ. The upper (2) and lower (4) shelving controls have their frequencies fixed at 12 KHz and 80 Hz respectively. The Mid range control (3) has a peaking response frequency at 2.5 KHz. All 3 bands have up to 12 dB cut and boost, with a centre detent for "OFF". Turning the Equalizer level control to the right amplifies the frequency range, turning to the left attenuates the signal. Minor changes to the Equalizer control usually produce the best results. Try to avoid excessive enhancement of the MID band.

### 5. PAN

By using the PAN control you can change the input signal's position within the stereo image. When the PAN control is set to center position, the audio signal is equal for both the left and right buss.



## 6. MIC

Electronically balanced XLR-type inputs for connecting low-impedance microphones. The input provides extremely low noise and low hum signal processing. When connecting a microphone make sure that the pin assignment is correct. Always make sure to read the manual of the microphone you want to connect. The XLR-inputs are not suitable for connecting an additional mixing console, FX-unit, etc. You have to use the LINE-inputs, when connecting this kind of equipment.

**Note: When connecting signal sources, please make sure that the corresponding channel faders and the master faders are at their minimum settings. Otherwise unpleasant plug-in noise can occur.**

## 7. Channel Fader

A high-quality true logarithmic 60mm fader, which controls the volume of a single channel and to establish an accurately proportioned mix of all input signals. The channel faders should be positioned within the range of -5dB to 0dB, leaving you with sufficient room to allow precise matching of differences in the channel's level settings. The overall volume is set with the master fader. Even though the channel faders offer an additional gain of +10dB, it is better not to exceed the +5dB position.

## 8. GAIN

Mic Channel input level is determined by the Gain control.

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## 9. Selection Switch (M2/L1/L2, L3/L4, L5/L6 or L7/L8)

With this switch you can select multiple devices you have connected to your ZoneControl. You can control up to 8 different devices.

## 10. PFL

The PFL button (pre fade listening) is designed to override the main signal, so although an individual channel is heard, it is not in complete isolation. If you push the PFL button, regardless of the Aux rotary control, you will get the complete signal in your headphone/monitors. This is useful, because the recording engineer hears some of the main signal. So the channel is not only heard, but also in context. Pressing this button assigns a channel's audio signal to the PFL bus. Simultaneously assigning more than one channel to the PFL bus is possible, while the individual channel's volume fader setting is not recognized (PRE FADER LISTEN). Once a PFL button is pressed, the master display automatically enters PFL/PGM mode. This allows you setting a signal's correct level or making special EQ-adjustments without the need of including it in the main mix.

## 11. Zone Assign (Zone 1, 2 and 3)

You can send the output signal to each of the 3 amplifiers.



You can adjust High, Mid, Low, Pan, Master and PFL per Zone individually. Thus giving you enough room to play with all 3 output channels.

### 12 / 13 / 14. EQ HIGH / MID / LOW

The mixer's Equalizer section allows shaping of the incoming audio signal. All mono input channels are fitted with 3-band EQ. The upper (12) and lower (14) shelving controls have their frequencies fixed at 12 KHz and 80 Hz respectively. The Mid range control (13) has a peaking response frequency at 2.5 KHz. All 3 bands have up to 12 dB cut and boost, with a centre detent for "OFF". Turning the Equalizer level control to the right amplifies the frequency range, turning to the left attenuates the signal. Minor changes to the Equalizer control usually produce the best results. Try to avoid excessive enhancement of the MID band.

### 15. PAN

By using the PAN control you can change the input signal's position within the stereo image. When the PAN control is set to center position, the audio signal is equal for both the left and right buss.

### 16. MASTER

By using the MASTER control you can change the overall output signal' of an individual Zone.

### 17. PFL

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### 18. Phones

This control allows you to adjust the headphones' volume. Phones controls 19, range 0-10

**Caution:** Depending on the type of headphones connected to the phones jack, the Powermix is capable of producing very high output levels via the phones output. Therefore, make sure to turn the control all the way to the left (minimum setting) before connecting the headphones.

Be aware of the fact that listening to loud sound pressure levels over a longer period of time leads to hearing-damage!

### 19) Phones

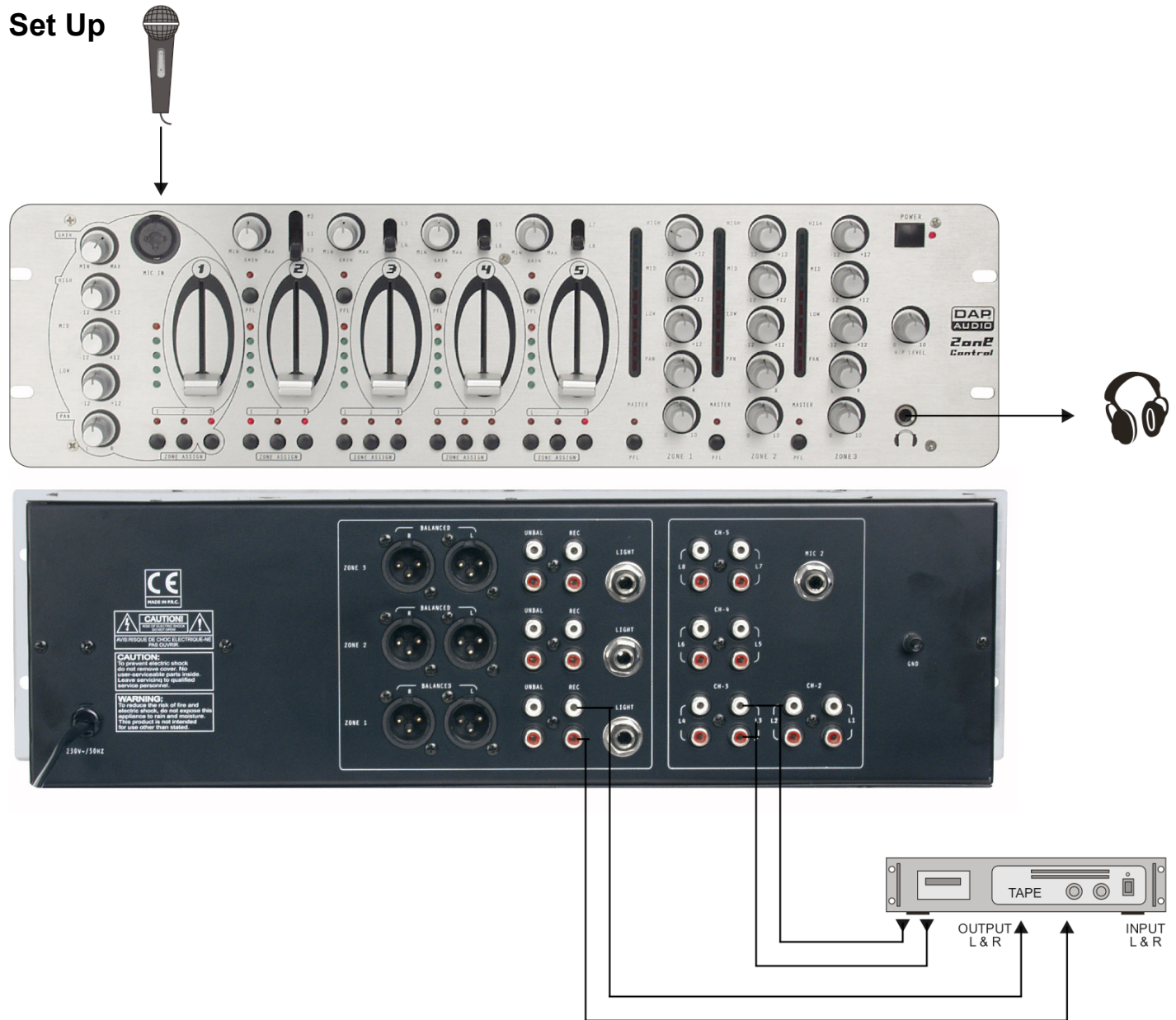
You can connect a pair of headphones with an impedance of 32 - 600 Ohm to this Stereo Phones jack. Balanced 1/4" TRS socket, wired as Tip=left, Ring=right and sleeve = ground.

### 20) Power On / Off

## Set Up and Operation

Before plugging the unit in, always make sure that the power supply matches the product specification voltage. Do not attempt to operate a 120V specification product on 230V power, or vice versa.

### Set Up



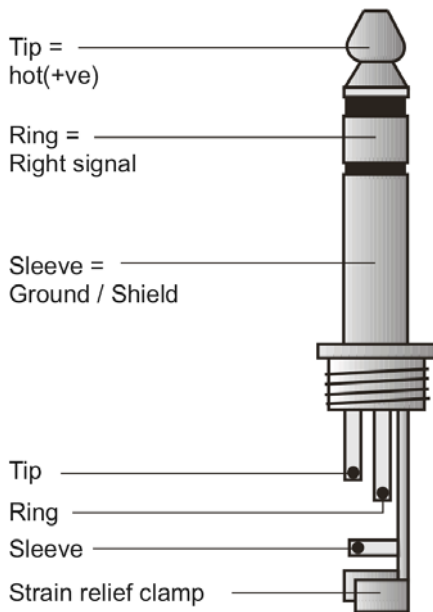
Set Up example

## Connection Cables

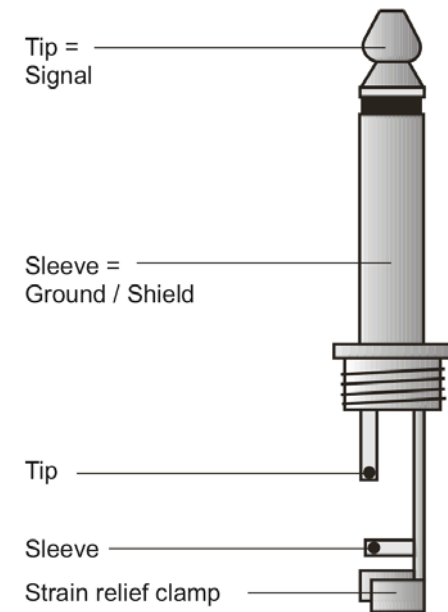
Take care of the connector cables, always holding them by the connectors and avoiding knots and twists when coiling them: This gives the advantage of increasing their life and reliability, which is always to your advantage.

Periodically check that your cables are in good condition, that they are correctly wired and that all their contacts are perfectly efficient: a great number of problems (faulty contacts, ground hum, discharges, etc.) are caused entirely by using unsuitable or faulty cables.

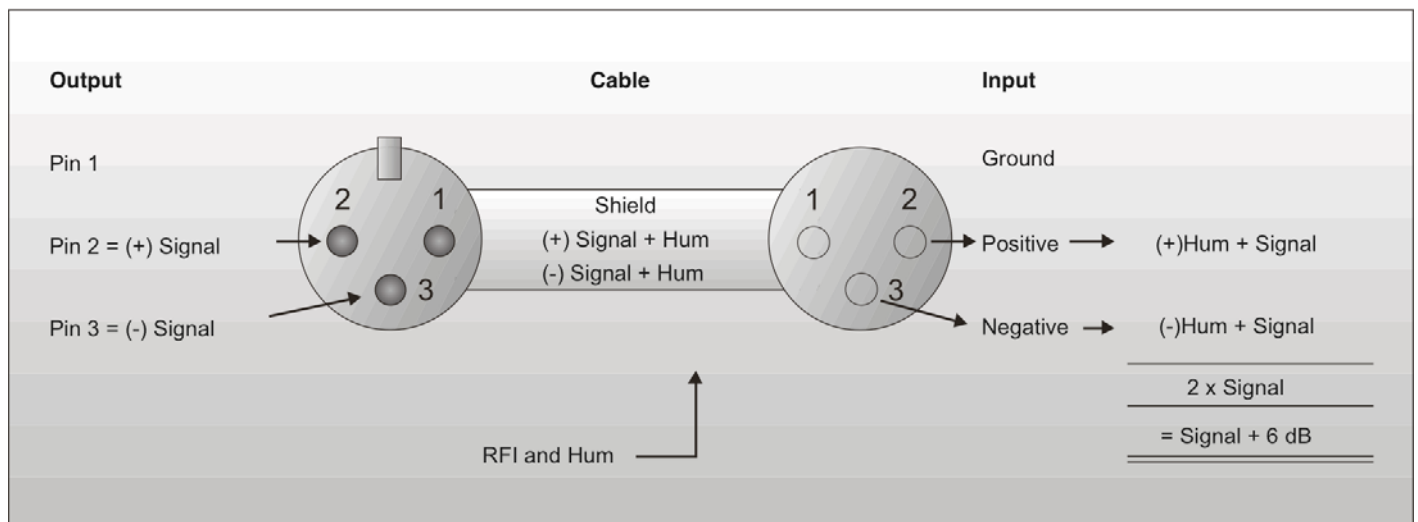
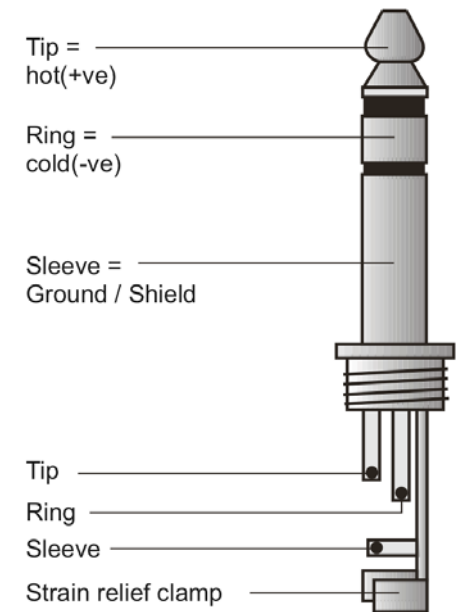
Headphones



Unbalanced mono 1/4" jack plug

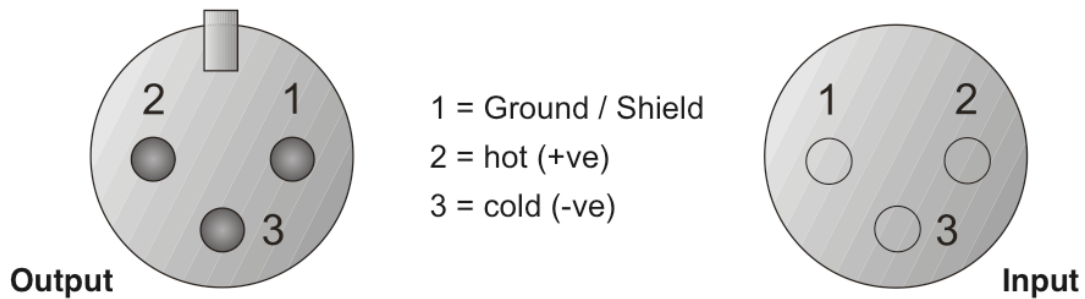


Balanced mono 1/4" jack plug



**Compensation of interference with balanced connections**

### Balanced use with XLR connectors



For unbalanced use PIN 1 and PIN 3 have to be bridged

## Maintenance

The DAP Audio ZoneControl MKII requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Do not use alcohol or solvents. Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the DMX and audio connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

## Troubleshooting

### DAP Audio ZoneControl MKII

This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems. If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

1. If the device does not operate properly, unplug the device.
2. Check power from the wall, all cables, the fuse, etc.
3. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
4. If nothing happens after 30 seconds, unplug the device.
5. Return the device to your DAP Audio dealer.

## Product Specification

Model: DAP Audio ZoneControl MKII

Power 230 V

Dimensions 480 x 120 x 133 mm (LxWxH); 3HE

Weight 3.86 Kg

### Mono Inputs

Mic Input electronically balanced

Frequency response 10 Hz to 60 KHz  $\pm 3$  dB

Distortion (THD & N) 0.007% at  $\pm 20$  dBu, 1 KHz, Bandwidth 80 KHz

### Stereo Inputs

Line Input unbalanced

Bandwidth 10 Hz to 55 KHz  $\pm 3$  dB

Distortion (THD & N) 0.007% at +4dBu, 1KHz, Bandwidth 80 KHz

Equalization

Hi Shelving 12 KHz  $\pm 12$  dB

Mid EQ 2.5 KHz  $\pm 12$  dB

Low Shelving 80 Hz  $\pm 12$  dB

### Master Mix Section

Noise Bus noise, fader 0 dB, channels muted:

Gain: - 88.5 dBr (ref: +4dBu)

Max Output +22 dBu balanced XLR, +22 dBu unbalanced cinch

Light To Sound 1/4" jack +22dBu

Design and product specifications are subject to change without prior notice.





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